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Mr. Dan Rather
CBC News
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rather,

If, in the several hours since I saw and heard the question you asked at the President's press conference, I have not been able to decide whether or not you correctly anticipated the non-answer you got, I am without doubt that we are all in your debt for asking it and, for what, from what I know, I must regard as the courage it required.

The specific answers your questions called for, of course, I cannot provide. However, if it is information you seek, that I can provide. The work I have been doing in recent years yielded as a by-product a rather extensive and documented study of Hoover and the FBI.

Part of it is published, another part is about to be, and a considerable proportion remains to be written.

I have also done what others have not. I have taken Mr. Hoover and his agency to court. His name does not appear in any of my complaints, but have no doubt about it, he and his agency are those I am suing. And, I have won the first case. Almost entirely without attention, let me add.

The results are incorporated in the book about to be published. It puts his calling King a liar in perspective, I think proper perspective.

I have but a single set of proofs. If you are interested, you are welcome to read them. We live an hour from your office, less from Northwest Washington or the suburbs to the west and north.

Over the years of my work I have assembled a fairly extensive collection of FBI reports. Some of them may interest you. Those for which I am now suing and for which I plan to sue may also.

In any event, my sincere thanks, my appreciation, and my respect.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg